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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An electrically controlled light modulator A device comprising at least one cell, said cell comprising at least

an interface between a first two-deformable dielectric layers layer and a second deformable dielectric layer, which meet at an interface, at least one of said layers said first layer consisting of a viscoelastic relief forming gelmaterial,

a first support electrode structure arranged on one side of the dielectric layers,

a second signal electrode structure arranged on the other side of the dielectric layers and oppositeopposing to the support said first electrode structure, and such that said layers are located between said first electrode structure and said second electrode structure,

signal means a signal supplier for applying a signal voltage between the support and signal said first and second electrode structures to generate an electric field passing through the two deformable dielectric said layers in order to create a surface reliefs relief in said first on the viscoelastic gel layer,

an third enhancement electrode structure composed of one or more separate electrode zones arranged in the proximity of the first signal said second electrode structure, and

an enhancement signal means supplier for applying arranged to apply a pulsed enhancement signal voltage between the said enhancement electrode structure and the signal said second electrode structure during flattening of said surface relief in order to enhance relaxation of said first layer locally concentrate the electric field passing through the two deformable dielectric layers and therefore arranged to enhance the amplitude of the deformation of the viscoelastic gel layer.

2. (Currently amended) The device according to the-claim 1, wherein within a cell the said enhancement electrode structure and the signal said second electrode structure are arranged located substantially in a single common plane-respect to each other and facing the opposite support electrode structure.

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3. (Currently amended) The device according to the claim 2, wherein within a cell the electrode zones of the signal electrode structure and the electrode zones of the enhancement electrode

structure are positioned in an alternating manner so that an individual signal electrode a zone of

said second electrode structure is located between at least two adjacent zones of said

enhancement electrode zonesstructure.

4. (Currently amended) The device according to the claim 1, wherein within a cell the said

enhancement electrode structure and the signal said second electrode structure are arranged in

substantially different planes with respect to each other and with respect to the opposite

supportsaid first electrode structure.

5. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the enhancement signal-voltage

of said enhancement electrode structure is arranged to be negative empared with respect to the

voltage of potential defined by the supportsaid first electrode structure.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein said enhancement electrode

structure is an opaque structure lithographically generated on the surface of a conductor plated

substrate.

8. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein said enhancement electrode

structure is an optically transparent structure formed of indium tin oxide.

9. (Previously presented) The device according to claim 1, wherein an electrically insulating layer

is arranged on one or both sides of said enhancement electrode structure.

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10. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the material of the said viscoelastic material relief forming gel is selected from the following group: polymer silicone compound, oil.

11. (Currently amended) The device according to claim 1, wherein the elastic modulus of <u>said</u> the material of the viscoelastic <u>material</u> has a lower value relief forming gel is selected to have a lower value in order to enhance the viscoelastic material flow during the on and off switching of a cell.

12-13. (Canceled)

- 14. (Currently amended) The device according to the claim 1319, wherein within a cell the said enhancement electrode structure and the signal said second electrode structure are arranged located substantially in a single common plane with respect to each other and facing the opposite support electrode structure.
- 15. (Currently amended) The device according to the claim 14, wherein within a cell the electrode zones of the signal electrode structure and the electrode zones of the enhancement electrode structure are positioned in an alternating manner so that an individual signal electrode zone of said second electrode structure is located between at least two adjacent enhancement electrode zones of said enhancement electrode structure.
- 16. (Currently amended) The device according to the claim 1319, wherein within a cell the said enhancement electrode structure and said second the signal electrode structure are arranged located in substantially different planes with respect to each other and with respect to said first the opposite support electrode.
- 17. (Currently amended) The device according to claim <u>1319</u>, wherein said enhancement electrode structure is an optically transparent structure formed of indium tin oxide.

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18. (Canceled)

19. (New) A display device comprising a plurality of light modulating cells, each cell in turn comprising:

an interface between a first deformable dielectric layer and a second deformable dielectric layer, said first layer consisting of a viscoelastic relief forming material,

a first electrode structure.

a second electrode structure opposite said first electrode structure such that said layers are located between said first electrode structure and second electrode structure,

a signal supplier for applying a signal voltage between said first and second electrode structures to generate an electric field passing through said layers in order to create a surface relief on said first layer,

an enhancement electrode structure arranged in the proximity of said second electrode structure, and

an enhancement signal supplier arranged to apply a pulsed enhancement signal voltage between said enhancement electrode structure and said second electrode structure during flattening of said surface relief in order to enhance relaxation of said first layer.

20. (New) A method for creating and flattening a relief in a viscoelastic material layer by using a first electrode structure, a second electrode structure opposite said first electrode structure, an interface between a first deformable dielectric layer and a second deformable dielectric layer, said layers being arranged between said first and second electrode structures, said first deformable dielectric layer consisting of a viscoelastic relief-forming material, and an enhancement electrode structure arranged in the proximity of said second electrode structure, said method comprising:

applying a signal voltage between said first and said second electrode structure to generate an electric field passing through said layers in order to create a surface relief on said viscoelectric material, and

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applying a pulsed enhancement voltage between said second electrode structure and said enhancement electrode structure during flattening of said relief in order to enhance relaxation of said first layer.

21. (New) The method of claim 20, further comprising modulating light by using said relief.